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ELECTION OF SPECIES

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SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated January 26, 2009, Applicant elects Species III, Figure 3, and lists Claims 30, 43-52, 57 and 58 as readable thereon and Claims 30, 51 and 52 as generic. Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims, directed to additional non-elected species, which include the limitations of an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141(a).

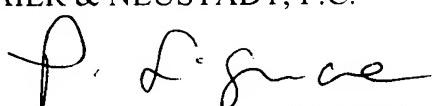
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a full examination on the merits of Claims 30, 43-52, 57 and 58 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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